



WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and overall wellness, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental, inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems and we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the City of Sammamish invite all residents to participate in raising awareness of this important health concern,

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Sammamish City Council, I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 as

National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover in Sammamish and call upon the people to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, ***"Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone."***

PROCLAIMED THIS 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor

Sept. 6, 2011
Date

